

Claims:-

1. A broadcast data receiver, said broadcast data receiver including at least two tuners, each of said tuners controllable to receive a user selectable data transmission independent of the other and characterised in that the user can select to combine the data transmission from the first tuner with the data transmission from the at least second tuner to provide a customised merged data output.
2. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that the data transmissions selected are from at least two different data providers.
3. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 or claim 2 characterised in that the data transmissions selected relate to the same event.
4. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that one of the data transmissions is data relating to an audio channel and the at least other data transmission is data relating to a video channel.
5. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 4 characterised in that the first tuner is controlled to select a channel which has both audio and video components and the second tuner is controlled to select a second channel which has an audio only output, and which audio output can be overlayed to replace the audio output of the first channel, such that a viewer can watch the video output from the first channel in combination with the audio output from the second channel.

6. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that the two data transmissions can be merged for output at the time of selection.
7. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that the two data transmission can be merged and transmitted to a storage medium/memory in or communicating with the broadcast data receiver.
8. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 7 characterised in that the storage medium can include a hard disk of the receiver, a video cassette recorder and/or the like.
9. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that one of the tuners can be selected to receive a data transmission in the form of an internet signal and the data received via the internet signal can be combined with the data transmission from the other tuner.
10. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that the user selectable data transmission are selected from an electronic programme guide comprising text and other matter generated by the broadcast data receiver and relating to programme, data and/or service information.
11. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that one of the data transmissions includes a default teletext service relating to a particular channel, and the other data transmission relates to a different channel, such that the default teletext service can be merged with a different channel irrespective of whether there is already a teletext service available for that different channel.

12. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that an audio video receiver decoder is shared in both tuners and the elementary streams, such as audio, video and/or teletext, of the data transmission can be selectively chosen by the user.
13. A broadcast data receiver, said broadcast data receiver including at least two tuners, each of said tuners controllable to receive a user selectable video and/or audio channel, independent of the other and characterised in that the user can select to combine audio or video from a first channel from the first tuner with the other of audio or video from the second channel from the second tuner to provide a customised video and audio output.
14. An electronic programme guide generated from data received from a broadcast data receiver at continuous or regular intervals, said electronic programme guide (EPG) comprising text and other display material which is generated on screen and which text can act both as information for programmes and services which are available to the user and selection means to allow a user to select, typically using a remote control device, programmes to watch and/or other functions relating to the use of the broadcast data receiver, characterised in that the EPG facilitates the user selection of independently controllable tuners in the broadcast data receiver to allow merging of data transmissions relating to different channels or user selections.